



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 365***

LCO No. 1941

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT PROVIDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
PROMOTING FAMILY REUNIFICATION.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Children and Families shall implement and administer, within  
3 available appropriations, a program of rental assistance for low-  
4 income families that have had a child removed from their custody and  
5 placed under the care and custody of the commissioner. The  
6 commissioner may provide rental assistance under the program if the  
7 commissioner finds that the lack of adequate housing is the sole  
8 impediment to reunification of the child with the family. Assistance  
9 under this section may be in addition to assistance available from other  
10 sources, except that the assistance under this section shall be reduced  
11 to the extent that the total of all such assistance exceeds the actual cost  
12 of such housing. Participants under the program shall be required to  
13 reapply for such rental assistance at least annually in accordance with  
14 the regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. For  
15 the purposes of this section, a low-income family is one whose income  
16 does not exceed \_\_\_\_ per cent of the median family income for the area

17 of the state in which such family lives, as determined by the  
18 commissioner.

19 (b) Assistance may be provided for housing under the program if  
20 the housing complies with applicable state and local health, housing,  
21 building and safety codes.

22 (c) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
23 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement this section. The  
24 regulations shall establish (1) criteria for determining the amount of  
25 rental assistance provided to eligible families, and (2) renewal  
26 procedures for such assistance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2006	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To establish a rental assistance program that allows the Commissioner of Children and Families to provide assistance to children and families who would otherwise qualify for reunification except for the lack of adequate housing.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*